



## JOBS FOR MONTANA'S GRADUATES

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## JMG Earns Top National Honors

At the Jobs for America's Graduates National Training Seminar in July, Jobs for Montana's Graduates was named the **#1 JAG program in the country** out of 30 other state-wide programs. Based on outcomes of the main JAG performance standards, this award is an incredible honor and shows the amazing and life-changing work that JMG Career Specialists are doing. JMG additionally won numerous other national awards listed below. Many of these awards were presented to specialists at Summer Training in July. **CONGRATULATIONS, SPECIALISTS!**

### HIGH PERFORMING STATE ORGANIZATION

- #1 Outstanding Organization
- 5 for 5 JAG Performance Goals
- Graduation Rate Exceeded 90%
- Top 5 Positive Outcomes Rate
- Top 5 Full-time Jobs Rate
- Top 5 Aggregate Jobs Rate
- Top 5 Full-time Placement
- Top 5 GPA Senior #1
- Mention – Participants Served
- Mention – Military Service
- Mention – Unable to Contact
- Mention – Multi-Year Return to School Rate

### HIGH PERFORMER – MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Top 7 Students Served #2
- Top 5 Services to Males #5
- Top 5 Return to School Rate
- Mention – Barriers to Success
- Mention – Services to Non-Whites

### OUTSTANDING SPECIALISTS

- Darlene Kolczak  
Malta High School
- Todd Bishop  
Dutton/Brady High School
- Jacquie Ainsworth  
Powell County High School

Pictured left: Outstanding Specialists. From top: Darlene Kolczak (Malta HS), Todd Bishop (Dutton/Brady HS), Jacquie Ainsworth (Powell County HS). All pictured with Drea Brown (State JMG Director).

Pictured right: Wolf Point Middle School representatives. From left: Myrle Zilkoski, Drea Brown (State JMG Director), Heather McMorris.



Pictured above: "5 for 5" Specialists at Summer Training. Front Row: Lisa Parker (Helena HS), Connie Wittak (Scobey HS). Back Row: Joe Barbero (Billings Career Center), Amy Stops (Butte HS), Ty Cotton (Cascade HS), Fawn Thibodeaux (Havre HS and Havre SUNS), Darlene Kolczak (Malta HS).

### INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL AWARDS

- Billings Career Center
- Joe Barbero
- Top 7 Positive Outcomes #1
- Top 10 Total Graduates #1
- Top 10 Aggregate Jobs Rate #9
- Top 10 Full-Time Jobs Rate #10
- Top 10 Consolidated Performance #9
- Top 9 Multi-Year Return to School #4

- Absarokee Middle School
- Amelia Eckstein
- Top 9 Return to School #3

- Culbertson Middle School
- Mary Machart
- Top 9 Return to School #7

- East Valley Middle School
- Brenda Stoltz and Ashley Gillespie
- Top 9 Return to School #8

- Wolf Point Middle School
- Number of Students Served #1



### INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS – 5 FOR 5 PERFORMANCE GOALS

- Billings Career Center
- Bridger High School
- Butte High School
- Cascade High School
- Columbia Falls High School
- Dawson County High School
- Geyser High School
- Havre High School
- Havre SUNS
- Helena High School
- Malta High School
- Nashua High School
- North Star High School
- Plains High School
- Roberts High School
- Scobey High School
- Whitefish Independent School
- Whitehall High School



Pictured above: Joe Barbero (Billings Career Center), Drea Brown (State JMG Director).

### HIGH PERFORMERS – "GOING BEYOND" JAG REQUIREMENTS

- Culbertson Schools
- Mary Machart, Specialist
- Jerry Waagen, Principal
- Billings Career Center
- Joe Barbero, Specialist
- Stan Barr, Principal
- Student Assistance Foundation
- Kelly Chapman



# JMG FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

## NOVEMBER 2, 2010

### RED LION COLONIAL HOTEL — HELENA, MT

**Look for the registration information which will be emailed and sent out to you next week for more details!**

Send us your:

**\*Registration forms**  
**\*Competitive event entries**  
**DUE OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

\*Your students should be working on their logo and national JAG letter – use the new guidelines for the logo event included in your registration information!\*

\*\*NOTE: November 2 is Election Day, so please make arrangements to vote before the conference and encourage your students to do so, too!

## Welcome, New Career Specialists!

As a new school year begins, several schools have added JMG programs and several programs have added new specialists! In July, many of these new specialists attended New Career Specialist Training in Helena. After three solid days of training, we know they will have excellent programs! Following are new additions to the JMG team:

### NEW SCHOOLS AND SPECIALISTS

Lincoln County High School – Wade VanNess  
 Lodge Grass Middle School – Della Anderson  
 Polson High School – Mark Rochin  
 Sidney High School – Elaine Stedman  
 Ulm Middle School – Ann Goldhahn  
 White Sulphur Springs Middle School – Kathy Sulser  
 Fromberg Middle School – Don Holley  
 Roberts Middle School – Doug Andersen



Featured above: Middle School Training. Left to right: Lucille Thomason (State JMG Staff), Doug Andersen (Roberts MS), Heather McMorris (Wolf Point MS), Kathy Sulser (White Sulphur Springs MS), Myrle Zilkoski (Wolf Point MS).



Featured above: High School Training. Left to right, front row: Wade VanNess (Lincoln County HS), Mark Rochin (Polson HS). Back row: Jim Lambert (State JMG Staff), Sara Kinney (Dawson County HS), Kathleen Schardt (Whitefish HS), Beth Hansen (Whitefish Independent), Elaine Stedman (Sidney HS), Dan Wooley (Capital HS), Don Holley (Fromberg HS).

### NEW SPECIALISTS IN EXISTING PROGRAMS

Dawson County High School – Sara Kinney  
 Dodson High School – Larry Stanton  
 Fromberg High School – Don Holley  
 Whitefish High School – Kathleen Schardt  
 Whitefish Independent – Beth Hansen  
 Whitehall Middle School – Martha Farrand  
 Wolf Point Middle School – Myrle Zilkoski and Heather McMorris

**RETURNING SCHOOL AND SPECIALIST**  
 Helena Capital High School – Dan Wooley

**Please welcome these Career Specialists to the JMG family!**

## Legislative Candidates: A Leadership Opportunity

An election year for the Montana State Legislature, 2010 will see many of your districts holding elections. Therefore, the next two months would be a great time to invite candidates into your classroom! Students can gain valuable leadership lessons from the candidates while also learning about each candidate's views. Additionally, the candidates will get to see your students, your classroom, and in turn learn more about the Jobs for Montana's Graduates program. JMG Staff will email out a basic invitation letter that you can use as well as a list of the names and addresses for your districts.

You can involve legislators and candidates in your classroom by:

- Invitation to attend/speak at the I & I ceremony
- Invitation to speak to the students about issues and their opinions
- Opportunity to talk about civic duty, etc. before you hold class elections
- A class mock election project
- Using the lesson plans below

### Project Vote Smart Classroom Lessons

The multiple lesson plans listed here have been prepared by Project Vote Smart as a resource for teachers:

[http://www.votesmart.org/resource\\_classroom\\_01.php](http://www.votesmart.org/resource_classroom_01.php)

### Mock Election Project/Classroom Elections

Here is a lesson plan highlighting math skills, which outlines the procedure for a student run poll. Students can run a mock presidential election and hold an election for classroom offices:

[www.teachervision.fen.com/math/printable/2584.html](http://www.teachervision.fen.com/math/printable/2584.html)

We encourage you to take advantage of this great learning opportunity for the students and to promote JMG!

## REMINDERS

### **DATABASE DUE DATE: SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

- **eNDMS database entry:**
  - **Student retention – September 30<sup>th</sup> update**
  - **Roster for 2010-11**
  - **Student profiles entered**
  - **Senior follow ups – include job and school placement**
  - **8<sup>th</sup> grader follow-ups – transition to high school**
  - **Model services**

### **FOR SEPTEMBER:**

- **Middle School: Students decide on civic project**
- **High School: Plan Program of Work, start on fall competitive events, hold MCA officer elections, plan Initiation and Installation Ceremony**

### **FOR OCTOBER:**

- **Middle School: Students plan and work on civic project**
- **High School: Register for Fall Leadership Conference, submit fall competitive events, start on Program of Work, hold I&I.**

### **FLC Registration due October 8th**

- **Registration**
- **Logo Event**
- **National JAG Letter Event**
- **National Cover Design Event**

## Specialists: More Coming to You This Month!

**End of September: Program Manager Visits:** Mark your calendars! The JMG program staff is looking forward to visiting you and your school toward the end of September. This is not a monitoring visit, but a visit to check in with you and see how the new year is starting out for you. We will be bringing out supplies such as certificates, COPES/COPS/CAPS, etc. Respond to the email which will be sent out this month and let us know what you need. Program staff would also like to check in with your principals to make sure all is going well with JMG, so please encourage your administration to reserve a few minutes during the visit. See you on the road!

**Updated Competitive Event Manual and Calendar:** The High School Competitive Event Manual has already been updated for this coming year and JMG Program staff will bring the latest edition out to you during their visit. Changes have been listed and staff will go over any questions you might have regarding the events. We will also bring out the JMG school year calendar, which has reminders of what needs to be done each month – a great item to post in your classroom!

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